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Examiner: Kristine Marie Florio

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Sir:

The Examiner must show that there would be a serious burden if the restriction is not required. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner nowhere contends, let alone

demonstrates that a search of all the pending claims would be a serious burden. Further, at the Examiner's disposal are powerful electronic search engines providing the Examiner with the ability to quickly and easily search all of the claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all pending claims.

AUTHORIZATION

No extension of time fee is believed due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized, however, to charge any extension of time fee or any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,

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